

To the commision.

Please reject the NAB petition 04-160 which seeks to limit the ability of satellite radio to compete with terrestrial AM/FM stations. I embrace the notion that the free market should decide if satellite radio is a viable alternative/competitor to traditional (and hidebound) AM/FM providers. To allow this petition in my opinion is to allow the NAB to avoid the harsh truth that its members must begin to compete for public support and patronage rather than taking its customer base for granted. I have been a satellite radio subscriber for nearly three years and I would never willingly return to AM/FM providers who to me seem disinterested in providing me with the level of radio entertainment that I crave. As in your recent decision concerning BPL, I hope that you will continue to embrace the ability of the free market to decide if satellite radio is a viable alternative to the consumer.

Respectfully,  
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